

No. R-461. House concurrent resolution congratulating Mehuron's Supermarket in Waitsfield on its 75th anniversary.

(H.C.R.381)

Offered by: Representatives Grad of Moretown and Greshin of Warren

Whereas, in 1941, Elmer Mehuron opened Mehuron's Independent Grocery Store (Mehuron's) on Bridge Street in Waitsfield, moving the store down the street in 1944, and

Whereas, Mehuron's made home deliveries in a vehicle known as a panel truck using recycled boxes, then a novel home delivery container, and

Whereas, from early on, Mehuron's offered credit to families unable to afford the cost of food, served as a collection point for food for charitable dinners, and supported community youth events, including sponsoring Little League Baseball since its introduction in Waitsfield in 1960, and

Whereas, long before the buy local movement was conceived, Mehuron's was stocking produce from local farmers, and

Whereas, Elmer's son, Allen, joined the family business in the early 1950s, Allen and his wife, Irene, resided in an apartment above the store during the early years of their marriage, and Irene worked in the store from 1979–2014, and

Whereas, in 1969, the Mehuron family decided to open a far larger Mehuron's Supermarket in the new Village Square shopping center, and Governor Deane Davis attended the store's opening ceremony, and

Whereas, in 1984, the *Valley Reporter* named Elmer Mehuron as its Person of the Year, and

Whereas, Mehuron's was a charter member of the Vermont Grocers Association (now the Vermont Retail and Grocers Association) and both Allen, and later his son, Tom, would chair the organization, and

Whereas, in 1982, the first Mehuron's float appeared in the Warren's Fourth of July parade, in the mid-1980s, an intricately designed Mehuron's tee shirt was introduced, and the store was among the first in the area to accept credit cards and implement item scanning at the checkout counter, and

Whereas, Mehuron's was the first retailer anywhere to sell American Flatbread, which became an immediate success, and

Whereas, in 1989, Tom Mehuron, who assumed leadership of Mehuron's following his father's death in 1987, constructed an 8,000-square-foot addition to the store, including a seafood department and a bakery, and

Whereas, Mehuron family members have served in many civic and community leadership roles, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Mehuron's Supermarket in Waitsfield on its 75th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mehuron's Supermarket.